

Musicians for the Procession (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 15:16–24

16 David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint some of their relatives as musicians; they were to play various instruments, including stringed instruments and cymbals, and to sing loudly and joyfully.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel; one of his relatives, Asaph son of Berechiah; one of the descendants of Merari, Ethan son of Kushaiah;

18 along with some of their relatives who were second in rank, including Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

19 The musicians Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were to sound the bronze cymbals;

20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play the harps according to the alamothe style;

21 Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azariah were to play the lyres according to the sheminith style, as led by the director;

22 Kenaniah, the leader of the Levites, was in charge of transport, for he was well-informed on this matter;

23 Berechiah and Elkanah were guardians of the ark;

24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God; Obed-Edom and Jehiel were also guardians of the ark.

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem (c. 998 BC)

2 Samuel 6:12b-19a

1 Chronicles 15:25–16:3

<p>12b So David went and joyfully brought the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David.</p> <p>13 Those who carried the ark of the LORD took six steps and then David sacrificed an ox and a fatling calf.</p> <p>14 Now David, wearing a linen ephod, was dancing with all his strength before the LORD.</p> <p>15 David and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD, shouting and blowing trumpets.</p> <p>16 As the ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked out the window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him.</p> <p>17 They brought the ark of the LORD and put it in its place in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it. Then David offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before the LORD.</p> <p>18 When David finished offering the burnt sacrifices and peace offerings, he pronounced a blessing over the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.</p> <p>19a He then handed out to each member of the entire assembly of Israel, both men and women, a portion of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake.</p>	<p>15:25 So David, the leaders of Israel, and the commanders of units of a thousand went to bring up the ark of the LORD's covenant from the house of Obed-Edom with celebration.</p> <p>26 When God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the LORD's covenant, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.</p> <p>27 David was wrapped in a linen robe, as were all the Levites carrying the ark, the musicians, and Kenaniah the supervisor of transport and the musicians; David also wore a linen ephod.</p> <p>28 All Israel brought up the ark of the LORD's covenant; they were shouting, blowing trumpets, sounding cymbals, and playing stringed instruments.</p> <p>29 As the ark of the LORD's covenant entered the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked out the window. When she saw King David jumping and celebrating, she despised him.</p> <p>16:1 They brought the ark of God and put it in the middle of the tent David had pitched for it. Then they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.</p> <p>2 When David finished offering burnt sacrifices and peace offerings, he pronounced a blessing over the people in the LORD's name.</p> <p>3 He then handed out to each Israelite man and woman a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake.</p>
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David Appoints Levites to Minister Before the Ark (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 16:4–7

4 He appointed some of the Levites to serve before the ark of the LORD, to offer prayers, songs of thanks, and hymns to the LORD God of Israel.

5 Asaph was the leader and Zechariah second in command, followed by Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel. They were to play stringed instruments; Asaph was to sound the cymbals;

6 and the priests Benaiah and Jahaziel were to blow trumpets regularly before the ark of God's covenant.

7 That day David first gave to Asaph and his colleagues this song of thanks to the LORD:

Tell of All His Wonderful Works (c. 998 BC)

Psalm 105	1 Chronicles 16:8–22
1 Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name! Make known his accomplishments among the nations!	8 Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name! Make known his accomplishments among the nations!
2 Sing to him! Make music to him! Tell about all his miraculous deeds!	9 Sing to him! Make music to him! Tell about all his miraculous deeds!
3 Boast about his holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!	10 Boast about his holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
4 Seek the LORD and the strength he gives! Seek his presence continually!	11 Seek the LORD and the strength he gives! Seek his presence continually!
5 Recall the miraculous deeds he performed, his mighty acts and the judgments he decreed,	12 Recall the miraculous deeds he performed, his mighty acts and the judgments he decreed,
6 O children of Abraham, God's servant, you descendants of Jacob, God's chosen ones!	13 O children of Israel, God's servant, you descendants of Jacob, God's chosen ones!
7 He is the LORD our God; he carries out judgment throughout the earth.	14 He is the LORD our God; he carries out judgment throughout the earth.
8 He always remembers his covenantal decree, the promise he made to a thousand generations—	15 Remember continually his covenantal decree, the promise he made to a thousand generations—
9 the promise he made to Abraham, the promise he made by oath to Isaac!	16 the promise he made to Abraham, the promise he made by oath to Isaac!
10 He gave it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as a lasting promise,	17 He gave it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as a lasting promise,
11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion of your inheritance."	18 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion of your inheritance."
12 When they were few in number, just a very few, and resident aliens within it,	19 When they were few in number, just a very few, and foreign residents within it,
13 they wandered from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another.	20 they wandered from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another.
14 He let no one oppress them; he disciplined kings for their sake,	21 He let no one oppress them, he disciplined kings for their sake,
15 saying, "Don't touch my chosen ones! Don't harm my prophets!"	22 saying, "Don't touch my anointed ones! Don't harm my prophets!"
16 He called down a famine upon the earth; he cut off all the food supply.	
17 He sent a man ahead of them— Joseph was sold as a servant.	
18 The shackles hurt his feet; his neck was placed in an iron collar,	
19 until the time when his prediction came true. The LORD's word proved him right.	
20 The king authorized his release; the ruler of nations set him free.	
21 He put him in charge of his palace, and made him manager of all his property,	
22 giving him authority to imprison his officials and to teach his advisers.	
23 Israel moved to Egypt; Jacob lived for a time in the land of Ham.	
24 The LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them more numerous than their enemies.	
25 He caused them to hate his people, and to mistreat his servants.	

26 He sent his servant Moses,
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

27 They executed his miraculous signs among them,
and his amazing deeds in the land of Ham.

28 He made it dark;
they did not disobey his orders.

29 He turned their water into blood,
and killed their fish.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs,
which even got into the rooms of their kings.

31 He ordered flies to come;
gnats invaded their whole territory.

32 He sent hail along with the rain;
there was lightning in their land.

33 He destroyed their vines and fig trees,
and broke the trees throughout their territory.

34 He ordered locusts to come,
innumerable grasshoppers.

35 They ate all the vegetation in their land,
and devoured the crops of their fields.

36 He struck down all the firstborn in their land,
the firstfruits of their reproductive power.

37 He brought his people out enriched with silver and gold;
none of his tribes stumbled.

38 Egypt was happy when they left,
for they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a cover,
and provided a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked for food, and he sent quails;
he satisfied them with food from the sky.

41 He opened up a rock and water flowed out;
a river ran through dry regions.

42 Yes, he remembered the sacred promise
he made to Abraham his servant.

43 When he led his people out, they rejoiced;
his chosen ones shouted with joy.

44 He handed the territory of nations over to them,
and they took possession of what other peoples had produced,

45 so that they might keep his commands
and obey his laws.

Praise the LORD!

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